

PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATORS TO  
CONSERVE THE ASSETS OF PERSONS OF ADVANCED AGE, MEN-  
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Mr. HARRIS, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, sub-  
mitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 11]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 11) to provide for the appointment of conservators to conserve the assets of persons of advanced age, mental weakness, not amounting to unsoundness of mind or physical incapacity, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

At the present time there is no authority in the District of Columbia for a court to appoint a committee or conservator of assets for any person unless that person be of unsound mind. There are many instances where a person is in a state of mental weakness but who is not insane and is simply unable to take care of his own business or his own property.

The purpose of this bill is to allow the Federal district courts for the District of Columbia to appoint conservators of the estates of such persons who are incompetent by reason of advanced age, mental weakness, or physical incapacity to properly care for their property.

This legislation has the approval of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and the judges of the district courts and was favorably reported by a unanimous vote of the committee.

